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SUBJ: KOREA AND KHMER AT 29TH UNGA

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA NOVEMBER 27 TO DISCUSS KOREA AND KHMER ISSUES.

2. KHMER: PRESIDENT CONFIRMED THAT PERMREP MOGAMI WAS INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON KHMER RESOLUTIONS. HE SAID THAT BOTSWANA FOUND THIS ISSUE SO CONFUSING THAT IT WAS BEST TO ABSTAIN.

3. KOREA: AMBASSADOR STRESSED POINTS REF B AND REQUESTED GOB SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND NO VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION NOTING THAT THIS ISSUE WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. PRESIDENT SAID THAT GOB HAD BEEN UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA REPS WHO HAD VISITED BOTSWANA SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. BOTH SIDES WANTED CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND
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PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. NORTH KOREANS HAD ARGUED THAT THE UN

COMMAND AND PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS WAS IN IMPEDIMENT TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

5. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF UNC AND STRESSED THAT A PRECIPITOUS MOVE BY THE UNGA ON THE UNC WHICH DID NOT HAVE SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES COULD IMPAIR THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IT WAS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION CALLED FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL IN DUE COURSE, IN CONSULTATION WITH PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION INCLUDING THE UNC WHICH FALLS IN ITS JURISDICTION. THIS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE SUPPORTERS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE ARRANGMENTS TO THE UNC PROVIDED OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE ARMISTICE REMAINED INTACT. PRESIDENT WAS TOLD THAT WE WERE DISAPPOINTED ABOUT BOTSWANA'S ABSTENTION ON THE KHMER ISSUES AND HOPED THE BALANCE WOULD BE RESTORED BY SUPPORTING THE FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION AND A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

6. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THAT BOTSWANA'S PERMREP MOGAMI HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOB WOULD REVIEW THE MATTER AND HOPED TO HAVE A FINAL DECISION SOONEST.
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